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In re Patent No. 6,979,546 :
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This letter is in response to the "COMMUNICATION," filed January 23, 2006. The Office thanks patentees for their good faith and candor in bringing this to our attention.

The above-identified application issued as U.S. Pat. No. 6,979,546 on December 27, 2005. The patent issued with a patent term adjustment (PTA) of 291 days. Patentees, however, indicate that there is an error in the adjustment, stating that the patent is believed to be entitled to an adjustment of 193 days, rather 291 days.

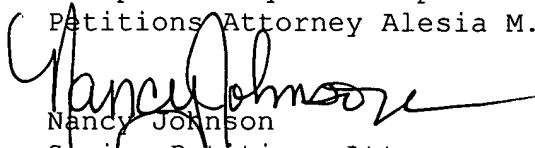
Patentees have not set forth with specificity the alleged error in adjustment. Nonetheless, the official record has been carefully reviewed and no error in the calculation has been determined.

Accordingly, the adjustment remains 291 days as forth in the patent.

If patentees remain of the belief that the Office has accorded the instant patent more days of adjustment than it is entitled, patentees should submit a letter requesting reconsideration of the adjustment setting forth with specificity the perceived error in calculation of adjustment.

As this letter was submitted as an advisement to the Office of an error in patentees' favor, no fee is due in connection with this matter. The Office again thanks applicants for their good faith and candor in bringing this to the attention of the Office.

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